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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P

Docket No. CP11-72-000

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION PROJECT

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Sabine Pass Liquefaction Project (Project), proposed by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. (collectively referred to as Sabine Pass) in the above-referenced docket. Sabine Pass requests authorization to construct and operate facilities to be used for the liquefaction and exportation of natural gas at the existing Sabine Pass LNG Import Terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The Project would be capable of processing an average of approximately 2.6 billion cubic feet per day of pipeline quality natural gas from the Creole Trail Pipeline, which interconnects with the SPLNG Terminal. Sabine Pass would liquefy the natural gas, store the liquefied natural gas (LNG), and export approximately 16 million metric tons per annum of LNG via LNG carriers.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Department of Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Department of Transportation participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The proposed Project includes the following facilities:

Four LNG liquefaction trains (each train contains gas treatment facilities, six gas turbine-driven refrigerant compressors, waste heat recovery systems, induced draft air coolers, fire and gas detection and safety systems, control systems, and associated infrastructure);

- Additional power generation (including up to two gas turbine-driven generators, transformers, and other electrical accessories to supplement existing onsite power generation);
- Other infrastructure and modifications (including storage tanks for propane and ethylene refrigerants and the amine make up, replacement of in-tank LNG pumps and piping modifications to increase flow capacity and facilitate loading of LNG carriers, impoundments for the liquefaction trains, flares, recycle boil-off gas compressors, potable water, service water, and demineralized water systems); and
- New and remodeled buildings.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Public Reference Room 888 First Street NE, Room 2A Washington, DC 20426 (202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are properly recorded and considered prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that the FERC receives your comments in Washington, DC on or before **January 27, 2011.**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP11-72-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or effling@ferc.gov.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the <u>eComment</u> feature on the Commission's website (<u>www.ferc.gov</u>) under the link to <u>Documents and Filings</u>. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can file your comments electronically using the <u>eFiling</u> feature on the Commission's website (<u>www.ferc.gov</u>) under the link to <u>Documents and Filings</u>. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "<u>eRegister</u>." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE, Room 1A Washington, DC 20426

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP11-72). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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